

**PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN GTE CASE SEEKING TO  
SELL A NUMBER OF ITS EXCHANGES TO SPECTRA**

Jefferson City (September 3, 1999)---GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) and Spectra Communications Group, Inc. (SCG) have filed a joint application seeking Commission authority for GTE to sell a number of its telephone exchanges in Missouri to SCG. A list of the affected GTE exchanges appears on the following page.

If the joint application is approved, GTE will no longer be responsible for providing basic local and interexchange telecommunications services in the affected exchanges. SCG will assume that responsibility.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before October 4, 1999, with Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Byron E. Francis, Esq., Armstrong Teasdale, One Metropolitan Square, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2740; Carolyn Little, Esq. and Dave Evans, Esq., GTE Midwest Incorporated, 601 Monroe Street, Suite 304, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101; W.R. England, III, Esq. and Sondra B. Morgan, Esq., Brydon, Swearingen & England, P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; G. Clay Bailey, CenturyTel Service Group, LLC, 100 Century Park Drive, P.O. Box 4065, Monroe, LA 71211-4065; Kenneth Matzdorff, Spectra Communications Group, LLC, P.O. Box 647, Peculiar, Missouri 64078; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

If no proper party is granted intervention and neither the PSC Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and that the applicants may submit evidence in support of the application by verified statement.

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### LIST OF AFFECTED EXCHANGES:

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| Amazonia     | Annapolis      | Arcola        | Aurora             | Avenue City     |
| Avilla       | Belgrade       | Bellevue      | Birch Tree         | Bolckow         |
| Boss         | Braymer        | Bronaugh      | Brunswick-Triplett | Bunker          |
| Caledonia    | Cameron        | Canton        | Centerville        | Clarence        |
| Clarksdale   | Collins        | Concordia     | Cosby              | Dadeville       |
| Dalton       | Easton         | Edgar Springs | Eldorado Springs   | Ellsinore       |
| Elmer        | Eminence       | Everton       | Ewing              | Fillmore        |
| Freemont     | Golden City    | Gorin         | Gower              | Greenfield      |
| Grove Spring | Hamilton       | Hartville     | Helena             | Houston         |
| Humansville  | Hunnewell      | Irondale      | Ironton            | Jericho Springs |
| Kahoka       | Keytesville    | Kidder        | Kingston           | La Belle        |
| La Plata     | Laddonia       | Lagrange      | Lawson             | Lesterville     |
| Lewiston     | Licking        | Lowry City    | Macon              | Manes           |
| Maysville    | Milo           | Monroe City   | Montauk            | Monticello      |
| Mount Vernon | Mountain Grove | Nebo          | Norwood            | Oates           |
| Osborn       | Osceola        | Palmyra       | Paris              | Perry           |
| Plattsburg   | Potosi         | Raymondville  | Revere             | Roby            |
| Rockville    | Rosendale      | Santa Fe      | Sarcoxi            | Savannah        |
| Schell City  | Shelbina       | Shelbyville   | Sheldon            | Stewartsville   |
| Stoutsville  | Timbers        | Trimble       | Turney             | Van Buren       |
| Vanzant      | Walker         | Wayland       | Weaubleau          | West Quincy     |
| Whitesville  | Winona         |               |                    |                 |